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FUNDS FOR HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for Health Sector during Eleventh Plan Period in general and National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in particular; and

(b) the action taken by the Government to upgrade the health care facilities in the country, particularly in the State of Bihar?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Out of an allocation of Rs.1,36,147 crore for the Department of Health & Family Welfare during the 11th Five Year Plan, Rs.89,478 crore has been earmarked for implementation of various programmes under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). Additionally, Rs. 625 crore will be contributed by the Deptt. of AYUSH to make a total of Rs.90, 103 crore for NRHM.

(b) In order to provide effective healthcare to the rural population throughout the country with special focus on 18 States, with poor health indicators and weak health infrastructure, the Government launched the National Rural Health Mission in April, 2005. Bihar is one of the high focus States identified under the Mission.

The Mission adopts a synergistic approach by relating health to determinants of good health and the main objective is to provide accessible, affordable, accountable and reliable health care especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population. Further, the gaps in the existing scenario of rural health care are being addressed through involvement of the community, the Panchayati Raj Institutions and other non-governmental organizations. An Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) will act as a link between the community and the healthcare system.

In order to bring about a reduction in MMR, the Government of India is also implementing the following key interventions all over the country including Bihar.

Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), a cash benefit scheme to promote Institutional Delivery with special focus on Below Poverty Line (BPL) and SC/ST pregnant women;

Appointment of ASHA for every village to facilitate accessing of health care services by the community;

Operationalising Community Health Centres as First Referral Units (FRU) and 50% of all Primary Health Centres (PHC) for providing 24X7 delivery services by 2010;

Augmenting the availability of skilled Manpower by means of different skill based trainings such as Skilled Birth Attendant;

Training of MBBS Doctors in Life Saving Anesthetic Skills and Emergency Obstetric Care including Caesarian Section;

Prevention and treatment of Anemia by supplementation with Iron and Folic Acid tablets;

Organizing Village Health & Nutrition Day at Anganwadi Centre;

Supplementary nutrition to pregnant and lactating women under ICDS scheme and strengthening of sub-centres by providing each with an untied fund of Rs. 10,000/- to improve service delivery.